



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2877

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kazunori IWAMOTO et al.)
Application No.: 09/323,034)
Filed: June 1, 1999)
For: SCANNING EXPOSURE METHOD AND)
APPARATUS, AND DEVICE : April 2, 2003
MANUFACTURING METHOD USING)
THE SAME)
Examiner: P.S. Natividad
Group Art Unit: 2877

The Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the Pre-OG Notice dated February 4, 2003, and entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted," a copy of which is attached.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows in response to the Official Action dated January 2, 2003: